

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF IOWA, INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-00-280 (RPU-95-12)
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**ORDER GRANTING REHEARING AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL  
SCHEDULE AND HEARING**

(Issued February 12, 2001)

On November 6, 2000, Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. (Frontier-Iowa), filed a proposed tariff with the Utilities Board (Board) designed to reduce certain rates to comply with Frontier-Iowa's price regulation plan. The proposed tariffs were identified as Docket No. TF-00-280. On December 29, 2000, the Board issued orders finding that Frontier-Iowa should reduce rates under the price plan by 1.1 percent.

On January 12, 2001, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an application for rehearing of the order. Consumer Advocate asked for rehearing on the issue of the correct Gross Domestic Product Price Index (GDPPI) to use in calculating the inflation rate under the Frontier-Iowa price plan. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.12, the Board has 30 days to either grant or refuse the applications. The Board will grant the application for rehearing and is giving notice of an evidentiary hearing.

The Board is scheduling a hearing in Docket No. TF-00-250 that will address the issue raised by Consumer Advocate among other issues related to that docket. The Board has determined that there is a material issue of fact concerning the correct GDPPI in Docket No. TF-00-250, and to ensure the issues are treated consistently in the two dockets it finds that it is a material issue of fact in this docket. The Board will set the filing date for prefiled testimony, the hearing date, and the date for briefs at the same time so that it can address the issues concurrently.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The application for rehearing filed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice on January 12, 2001, is granted.
2. All parties shall file prepared direct testimony, with supporting exhibits and work papers, on or before February 23, 2001. The testimony will address any factual contention regarding the following issue:

Which Gross Domestic Product Price Index is "published in the most recently available monthly edition of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Survey of Current Business, Table 7.1" prior to December 31, 1999, and December 31, 2000?"

3. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 1:30 p.m. on March 7, 2001, in the Board's hearing room at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Parties shall appear at the hearing one-half hour prior to the time of hearing to mark exhibits. Persons with disabilities

requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at 515-281-5256 to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

4. Any party desiring to file a brief may do so on or before  
March 16, 2001.

5. In the absence of objection, all workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered in the record.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper      /s/ Diane Munns  
Acting Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.